

I arrived in Washington, D. C. approximately two weeks ago with the purpose of visiting Mr. Mario Garcia Kohly, Executive Director of the Cuban Liberation Movement.

As Executive Director of the Cuba Democratic Movement, and because I firmly believe that only by uniting forces the anti-Castro groups here in the states will be able to wipe out Communism in Cuba, I decided to extend my full support to Mr. Kohly, as I believe he is the only man among the various anti-Castro leaders who has the integrity, the capacity, the morale and the support of the Cuban people to take over the temporary government of Cuba once Castro is ousted.

Both Mr. Kohly and I have information that the government of the United States, namely, the CIA and the State Department, is giving full support to a so-called anti-Castro organization called The Front (led by Tony Varona). It is appalling to realize that such help which is openly admitted by Varona himself is being given to an organization which has a tremendous amount of Communist infiltration among its executives and members.

It is a well known fact that the President of Venezuela, Romulo Betancourt, has given ample funds to The Front through Venezuelan labor head Gustavo Machado. It is also known that Communist No. 1 in Venezuela, Domingo Rangel, was the first person who gave Aurelino Sanchez Arango, executive officer of The Front, the amount of \$50,000, and that Fidel Castro himself has given money to Tony Varona for the sole purpose of disrupting the work that organizations like ours, Cuban Liberation Movement and Cuba Democratic Movement, could do.

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Tony Varona is **COPY** openly recruiting Cubans exiled in Miami and in different camps, among them, Guatemala, Mexico and also in the United States, who are kept virtually prisoners. Tony Varona admits openly that on three occasions he has received \$150,000 from the CIA and brags continuously of having the official support of both the CIA and the State Department. It is also a well known fact that Tony Varona has received armaments from the government and the rumors are that these armaments are being transferred to Fidel Castro's hands.

We also know that the American Embassy in Havana is issuing special passports to Cubans who come to the states and who are told to get in contact with the CIA in Miami where they are requested to join The Front, check back with the State Department where they will receive the money and instructions to go back to Cuba as an invasion force.

It is of common knowledge that The Front is a Communist front — it is unbelievable to realize that the United States government is giving official support to such a group. The latest report that I have on this subject was given to me last night by a member of my organization in Miami, who told me that 40 transport planes of the U. S. Air Force were utilized by Tony Varona to transport Cuban recruits somewhere in Latin America, presumably Guatemala.

I began to fight Communism since the day I defected from Cuba to the United States, together with the man I rescued in a sail boat, ex-chief of Castro's Air Force, Major Pedro Louis Diaz Lanz. For reasons that I cannot understand, Diaz Lanz made accusations

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before Mr. Waterson of the State Department, in Miami, that I was a Castro agent and that I also was responsible for the death of two people in Cuba. For this and many other reasons I presented my resignation as a member of the 25th of July anti-Communist Movement and created my own organization. I have given lectures in New York. I have appeared numerous times on television and radio, and I have openly denounced through the press the Communist situation of Cuba. In doing so, I have sacrificed everything a man can possibly sacrifice. I lost my home in Miami; my wife and children had to return to Cuba to live with her parents because I could not support them. Work was denied me wherever I sought it, on the grounds that my name was "too hot." When finally, in desperation, I contacted the CIA in New York City requesting financial help to prevent my family from being returned to Cuba, many promises were made — but none of them came through. In Miami I made an appointment by phone with Mr. Waterson of the State Department to discuss the constantly growing rumors that I was a Castro agent. The appointment was set for 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 5. I arrived at Mr. Waterson's office and waited for thirty minutes. He never appeared for the appointment nor called back to apologize. When I see people like myself who have devoted everything to combat Communism wholeheartedly and given proofs beyond any doubt to be an anti-Communist, who have sacrificed everything that a man can sacrifice in behalf of a cause and in return receive such humiliating treatment from government

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officials and when they see that the same government officials
openly support Communist fronts, I cannot help but feel
disillusioned, disappointed and regret to see that once/a ^{more}
mistake is being committed which will bring the most tragic
results in the history of the western hemisphere.

I intend to take this matter to the United Nations and
to the Honorable President Eisenhower personally, if necessary,
in the name of my organization, in the name of the Cuban people
who have always been friends of the United States and in my own
name. I protest energetically to this policy, and I will not
stop even if I have to give my life, until I see that the support
being given to a Communist front ends.

The information I have stated herein is in the hands
of the FBI.